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Addendum

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II. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 2004

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/250 of 23 December 2003, approved the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session. The calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2004/2.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee should in future be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. The requests submitted in 2004 for changes of venue or additional sessions/meetings and the action taken by the Committee are set out below.

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Organ	*Request*	*Action taken*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	To hold up to 10 more meetings during the week of 29 March to 2 April 2004 to take up additional reports of the Secretary-General, including a complex one on security. Exact dates were arranged in consultation with conference services to enable the servicing of meetings within existing resources.	Request approved
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	To convene the forty-third session of the Board from 30 June to 2 July 2004 in Geneva rather than New York in order to give members the opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Moreover, since the Board also serves as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva venue permits the Board members to be in close contact with the staff of the Institute. Videoconferencing as an alternative was ruled out owing to the extra cost it would incur, compared to moving the meeting, which generally results in less expenditure than holding the meeting in New York.	Request approved
International Civil Service Commission	To hold its fifty-eighth session at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris. As provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243, this body may hold one of its two annual meetings at the headquarters of a participating organization, upon invitation.	Request approved
Commission on Social Development	To convene one additional meeting between 19 and 23 February 2004 in order to take action on remaining text in its report and thus conclude the work of its forty-second session, which, owing to time constraints, could not be accomplished on the scheduled final day of the session.	Request approved